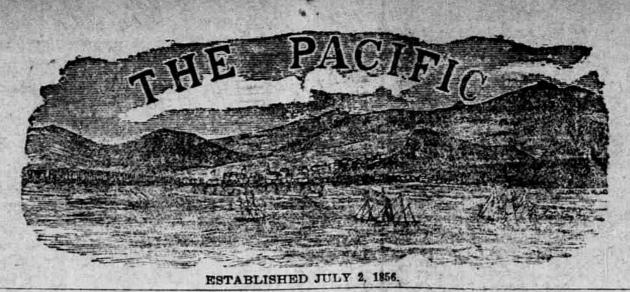
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MEN KNOWN IN MANY LANDS WHO IN HIGH AND LOW SOCIETY HAVE SOUGHT VICTIMS IN HONOLULU

Police Record of Billy Hurt, Alias Allen Now Laid Bare.

ich may be found in rogues' gal-Mainland and possibly in mpe. The facts thus obtained bear the statement made by this jourbegan the anti-gambler

wed them about and finally landh Honololu where he believed that etting up a deadfail at Punahou, ould make several big killings. He so had a distinguished white capitalon his list. Hurt was getting on introductor hen the Advertiser's bombshell exided in his card room and away went Mr. Allen" and his pais to parts un-

The first response to the Advertiser's ries came from Captain Spillane the San Francisco police force, and at simile of the letter will be found

THE BULLETIN'S COMMENT.

oflowing is an extract from the San Pancisco Bulletin of February 3, 1601: Edy Hurt, king of the "short card yer," monarch of all confidence men one of the most accomplished allup at Honolulu after a long period of on and is apparently again at his tricks. In Honolulu he posed as Allen," a wealthy mining man, but Mentity as Billy Hurt has been es-

in nearly every great city in the wid He always went in for big game his marvelous skill in the crooked wo of games of chance won him many sands of dollars from the unwary taires who crossed his path. Alassuming the character of a reable and wealthy gentleman, he d little difficulty in gaining access to exclusive circles where his methods the the most profitable. He was York, Boston, Philadelphia and othric career in Europe, and everyhere found many victims. In San cisco he succeeded in getting nto of the prominent clubs and several the accomplished Hurt.

an arose to sudden fame as a proof gigantic mining deals. In Coldd half the millionaires of Denver

among the local Johnnies with made friends. endor of his person and the luxu- Of course, a stranger is under some ds that bids fair to make his with a fondness for the cards. y a victim who could not Honolulu is concerned.

City, who took up his quar- Billy Hurt was recognized by more

HILE the Advertiser was en- ters in the cottage with "Mr. and Mrs. gaged in breaking up the Puna- Allen." It is said that Beckley figured hou nest of gamblers, it sent to in the role of a capper or persuader ex-Francisco and elsewhere traordinary to the organization.

Francisco and elsewhere
information about them.
as just come to hand, acparently a simple, though elegant home.

That cottage, by the way, was a wonderful thing of its kind. Although apparently a simple, though elegant home. a picture of Billy Hurt it contained the most elaborate machin-

BILLY HURT, ALIAS T. W. ALLEN, CROOK AND CARDSHARP. FLED FROM HONOLULU SECRETLY A FORTNIGHT OR SO AGO, AF-TER HIS GAME WAS EXPOSED IN THE ADVERTISER. "COMMODORE" NICHOLAS J. WEAVER, SWINDLEER AND PRINCE OF GOOD FEL-LOWS, PASSED THROUGH HERE YESTERDAY ON THE ALAMEDA AF-

TER HAVING BEEN KICKED OUT OF SAMOA BY THE AUTHORITIES. HURT'S STARTLING POLICE CAREER IS TOLD ON THIS PAGE. WEAVER'S LATEST PLAN TO GET MONEY DISHONESTLY IS GIVEN AWAY. THE ADVERTISER BELIEVES IT THE PROVINCE AND DUTY OF THE LEADING NEWSPAPER OF HAWAII TO PROTECT THE PEO-PLE OF HAWAII AGAINST SUCH VERMIN AS HURT AND WEAVER BY GIVING THE FULLEST PUBLICITY TO THEIR SCHEMES AND CHAR-ACTERS. HURT OR ALLEN WAS PREVENTED FROM CHEATING MORE THAN A FEW SMALL FRY POKER PLAYERS IN HONOLULU BY THE ADVERTISER'S EXPOSE, HURT THREATENED A LIBEL SUIT BUT, SEEING THE GAME WAS UP, FLED FROM THE CITY WITH NO WORD OF FAREWELL.

than one person in Honolulu who knew in the Metropolitan Hotel all one night and a liar." his record as one of the cleverest configuration and a statement, or rather dence men in the world. A number of clusion Hurt says McDonnell owed him intended dupes are said to have been in \$72, besides owing Fisher and Smith some guns that McDonnell and the reporter this way warned from falling into his more, which, he says, has not been paid, had, and the instruction from Chief

A dispatch to the Examiner, dated New Steele said: eral years ago, duplicates of ery for gambling, including the most re- York, September 23, 1893, says: Wm.

nell exposed him at the Waldorf, Mr. should he make a move.

Commodore Weaver In Honolulu, Fired Out of German Samoa.

McDonnell is said to have declared that



cent inventions in the "sure thing" line. Watson Hurt, card sharp and swindler, the Waldorf, wanted me to arrange for reporter, according to Hurt, showed ted into the most exclusive clubs of The apparatus, which was of the variety feigns innocence, and has hired Lawyers a poker game there. I didn't care to their guns to Fisher and Smith. known among the light-fingered frater- Steele & Page of No. 44 Broad street to play poker, preferring to go out and see are cities of this country after his nity as "brace," was carefully concealed "make an agreement." Mr. Hurs in- the town. Still, he was so anxious that under the heavy rugs and among the structed his lawyers to demand a retrac- I consented and made arrangements. pretty table covers and the beautiful tion from the papers here, and wrote to McDonnell, Smith, Fisher and a reporter hangings of the wall. Even the tables the Advertiser threatening a suit. A rewere hollow, it is said, and had been porter called on the lawyers and met opened with a \$1 limit, but at McDoners of that organization were fleec- carefully constructed with an eye singly Hurt in the office. to the ulterior uses to which their owner intended to put them.

Having arranged the nest, the artistic the was heralded as the confidential "Mr. Allen" prepared to find the birds of the Atlas Exploration Company that would fit in it to his financial ag-London, one of the greatest financial grandizement. This wasn't a hard thing herstons of the world, and for a while to do. Hurt is one of the most accomplished crooks who ever turned a trick. schling with anxiety and courting his Handsome, engaging of manner and Before he shook the dust of the frank of countenance, he gave the firstmismalal State from his patent leath- impression of being a royal good fellow Ross he had "done things" to the and a thorough gentleman to boot. Addbrokers and mine owners, ed to these characteristics were the here the memory is yet painfully equally potent factors of thorough education, great polish and a knowledge of best made his appearance in San the world and its people that made him and created a nine days' di- a delightful companion. "Mr. Allen"

sase with which he could separate disadvantages in an attempt to "break if from coin and gather in the coin into" society, but "Mr. Allen" bided his into society, but "Mr. Allen" bided his berg. His attire was the envy and time. His companion on the voyage over despair of the young bloods of the to Honolulu introduced him to a number and his to have the and his dinners were feasts fit for of "good people," and it is said that the Just how much he cleared up enterprising and liberal Hurt actually his stay in this city did not trans- made overtures to three well-known peowhen he left he did not go ple looking to their co-operation in his handed. He is now in Honolulu, philanthropical desire to relieve people of fording to late advices from the the cares of wealth. His proposition hetropolis, he has run up against was to divide the profits with the man the shape of an exposure of who introduced him to rich gentlemen

ess profitable than his enter- Evidently as a sort of preliminary to peculiar ability would other- the greater work ahead of him and for asured. Hurt is an artist in practice, so to speak, "Mr. Allen" began line, and his preparations for business with comparatively small fry in an expected harvest in Ha- the line of "suckers." One of the latter most elaborate. That he did made a kick and it was this kick which and was due, apparently, to a probably eventuated in putting the versade at an awkward stage of tile Billy Hurt out of business as far as

wrested from him.

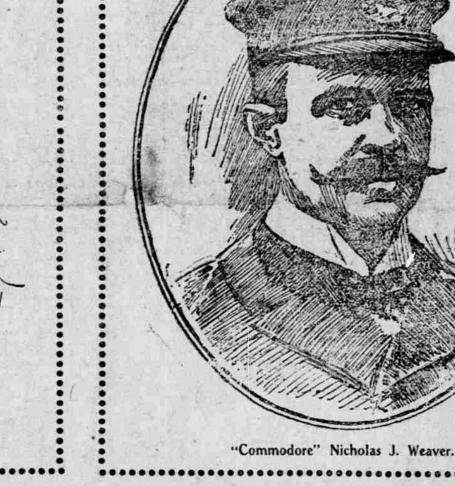
Billy Hurt landed at Honolulu

A Colonel Bean, an immigration agent for certain Hawailan planters, fell under the notice of "Mr. Allen" and the latter he steamer Sierra December 20 last with his man Beckley gathered him in. brepared for a campaign that Bean was associated with a colored man win him a great fortune. Think- named Manson and this partner was also at another name would best suit a loser into the hands of Hurt.

The suave and thoroughly delightful he adopted the nom de "Mr. Allen" invited his new friends to As "Mr. Allen" he rent- his home, saying that his wife was abcottage, surrounded by sent for the evening. Once in the cotrounds on Wilder avenue and tage the rest was easy. A few glasses or business. The cottage was of liquor, a "quiet, small-stake game" of elegantly. No expense was poker, and the money changed hands quip the house in a manner One of the witnesses to that game de-The of a wealthy gentle. clared afterward that Hurt took all the habits and artistic money Bean had from the latter's pocket lady whom "Mr. Allen" in- and placed it on the card table. It was his wife fitted into this en- then an easy trick to "win" the coin.

Friectly and is said to have When Bean recovered his senses he de-

share toward making the clared that the money of which he had attractive to the gentlemen visit-been swindled was the joint property of himself and his partner. He made a vig-himself and his partner, the islands and himself and his partner. He hade a value hamed Beckley, said to be the this kick induced the exposure that of a resort known as the Grotto spoiled "Mr. Allen's" little game.



introduction given to me by W. S. Smith but this game has gone far enough for to M. B. McDonnell of Broadway." . . .

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nell's earnest solicitation the limit was raised to \$2.50. We played until about "About two weeks ago," said Lawyer raised to \$2.50. We played until about false representations of my m Steele, reading from a statement prepared for Hurt, "I presented a letter of but this came has gone for such that I associated with Dean." Lawyer Steele said that he

me. The story is then recited of the intro-auction to McDonnell of a yachting trip terrupted. "At first I thought McDonand finally of how Mr. Smith, J. D. Fish- nell was joking, but when I laughed at er, McDonnell and a man whose name him I saw that he was in earnest. Then Hurt does not remember, played poker he called me a swindler, a card sharp

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8, 1901

OFFICE CHIEF OF POLICE.

favor of January 22, 1901, enclosing arti-

cle from the Pacific Commercial Advertiser

of January 22, 1901, containing an account

of the operations in Honolulu of Billy

Hurt, alias Allen, confidence man and card

rious throughout this country, and a good

portion of Europe. He is a clever swind-

ler, and one of the most accomplished card

sharps of the present day. I have care-

fully read the article printed in the Ad-

vertiser, and I do not doubt that "Mr. Allen"

of Honolulu is Billy Hurt of anywhere you

may chance to find him. The Advertiser

has done the people of Honolulu a great

service in exposing this man, and I hope

you will be able to drive him out of your

letin of February 3, 1901, which refers to

the article in the Advertiser, and inci-

dentally tells something of Hurt's opera-

Yours truly,

JOHN SPILLANE,

Captain of Police.

I enclose clipping from the S. F. Bul-

city without sending him back to us.

tions in this country.

I have to say that Billy Hurt is noto-

EDITOR ADVERTISER: - Replying to your

It is well to explain the point that neither McDonnell or the reporter had weapons of any kind, nor did they make mention of Byrnes' name. "McDonnell said he had no fault to find with my visiting the natives on shore it oc-card-playing," explained Hurt, "but he curred to his ever-ready mind that said he was mad because I had made false representations of my means and

Lawyer Steele said that he had done business for Mr. Hurt ever since he had schemes into operation. A few dollars vouch for his honor and probity. The there, soon gained the good will of the two had seen Boldt, the proprietor of trusting natives, and it required very the Waldorf, who said that he regretted little finesse on the part of Weaver affair and hoped that Hurt would

As a result of the game Hurt and Waldorf, the house detective having were virtually options on their lands. been given orders by Mr. Boldt to refuse them admittance.

be able to clear himself.

wore anything better than jean, cowhide boots and a sombrero, but soon after he reached New York he rigged himfrank, honest, guileless old chap, and when I learned that he had drowned himself at Long Beach, it grieved me

hap" Dean really is:

San Francisco, Sept. 22. man named Dean is a sure-thing gam-"Arizona Jack." Dean is about 35 years old, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs 150 pounds, has sandy complexion and red P. CROWLEY.

Chief of Police. Both Hurt and Col. Jack Dean are well known in San Francisco. It was don agog over his colossal schemes. only a few months ago since they were His plans were perfect, there was no driven from the Palace Hotel here for chance to lose the capital invested, and

so successfully in Gotham.

Hurt married the sister of "Young Mitchell," the middleweight, and made his wits support him during all his res- least that is the representation made idence here. He was never known to do to the Londoners. any honest work, but he always managed | But English capital is always looking to live and dress well. Some years ago for new fields of investment, and with he was shot in the leg during a row in visions of several thousand acres of er that he was always lame, wearing a cacao fields under cultivation, extenhigh sole on his right shoe. A woman sive pine apple canneries, general mer-was at the bottom of the shooting. For chandise stores, lumber yards and a a long time small fights in secluded line of sailing vessels from Apia direct

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NCE more has the city of Honolulu been compelled to shelter within its portals the notorious "Commodore" Nicholas J. Wea-Getting down to the time that McDon- Byrnes to McDonnell to shoot Hurt down ver, of yacht Norna fame. Weaver came here without invitation as a passenger on the Alameda on which he McDonnell, knowing that I lived at Hurt was a dangerous man. He and the took passage for San Francisco from the scene of his latest operations at

Once boon companion and partner of T. W. Allen, alias "Billy Hurt," whose criminal career in this city was cut short by the timely exposure in the columns of the Advertiser, the incidents of which are still fresh in the minds of Honolulu residents, it was only fitting that he should have been forced to leave Apia by the German Governor, who had received full information of his crooked ways and criminal operations.

It is not every man, accomplished crook though he may be, that can successfully evade the law time after time and the end of Weaver is not far distant. Of good presence, an accomplished liar, and a thorough man of the world, Weaver had found willing victims for his nefarious schemes, and his last coup if successful would have made him independent for life.

Weaver left San Francisco on the Alameda on January 4 and passed through this city on the 10th inst. en route to Pago Pago, from whence he went to Apia, presumably to complete the payments on certain lands on which he was supposed to hold options, but really to try to make some purchases in realty, in order to make good his representations to various English capitalists who were and remain today his latest victims.

With him on the Alameda on her down trip was a woman who passed herself off as his sister, and who was represented as such by the "Commodore." This woman is now deserted by Weaver and left on board a lumber schooner in the vicinity of Pago Pago. Like the rest of the gullible women who have been ensnared by him, when caught in a tight place she has been left to shift for herself, with her mony gone and without friends in a

strange country. As a part of his famous trip around the world in the yacht Norna, Weaver found himself in the vicinity of Apia and anchored his craft in the magnificent harbor for several weeks. While curred to his ever-ready mind that here was a chance to lay the foundation for future deals, and losing no time he proceeded to put his newly-laid been in New York and that he would here, and a few valueless trinkets to get their signatures; or more likely their "marks," to documents which his companions were barred from the they did not understand but which

Options of this kind were secured on 6,000 acres of fine agricultural land Hurt gave an interesting description of without the payment of a cent in cash his running pal, "Jack" Dean, alias without the payment of a cent in cash "Arizona Jack." Dean, said Hurt, is as a partial payment, and for the ridica cattle raiser and rancher. He came ulously low figure of 25 cents per acre to New York to sen a lot of cattle be- as a final purchase price. But it is longing to a Chicago man. He knows here that the native shrewdness of no more about business than you. He Weaver was exhibited. Many a man, landed here with about \$2,500. He never when he found that he could do with the natives as he wished, would have overstepped the mark and made the opself out in fashionable clothes, a gold tions run for a term of years, or he watch with chain and diamonds. I liked might have made the natives, in their his company because he was such a simplicity, sign away by absolute deed their holdings; but not so with Weaver-right well he knew that if he did this he would be unable to get the The following telegram proves beyond American Consul to pass upon the padoubt the sort of "frank, guileless old pers, so he contented himself by making out the options for one year only. and it was through the really worthless To the Advertiser, New York: Since documents that he was enabled to wiring you have ascertained that the fleece London capitalists out of a neat sum of money and securing the expenbler, and is known here, but not as diture of thousands of dollars in machinery and sailing vessels.

Armed with the options, Weaver went from Australia to England in the steerage of one of the ocean liners and it was not long before he had all Lonalmost the same game that they worked the returns to be anticipated were enormous. In the language of Colonel Sellers-"There's millions in it." At

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